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SUBJ: ARRIVAL OF PATROL BOATS IN BANGKOK

STATE FOR S/NM; US CUSTOMS FOR FELTCHER I. POTTER, JR.
DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

REF: CUSTOMS 4718

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES THE PARTICIPATION OF U.S. CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER CHASEN IN THE CEREMONY ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF THE USG-PROVIDED BOATS BY ROYAL THAI CUSTOMS. WE WILL CONSULT WITH THAI CUSTOMS, DTEC, AND ONCB CONCERNING SCHEDULING AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CEREMONY. BECAUSE OF COMMISSIONER CHASEN'S ATTENDANCE AT THE CCC CONFERENCE, WE WILL SEEK TO SCHEDULE THE CEREMONY LATE IN THE WEEK OF JUNE 19. WE ARE HESITANT TO SET A DATE, HOWEVER, UNTIL THE BOATS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AND ARE ACTUALLY IN THE WATER. ALSO, PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK MAY CHOOSE TO REPRESENT THE RTG AT THE CEREMONY, THUS NECESSITATING SCHEDULE THE CEREMONY AT A TIME WHEN BOTH THE PM AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CUSTOMS COULD ATTEND.

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2. FORWARDING ON IMMEDIATE BASIS BILL OF LADING FOR BOATS WILL FACILITATE THE EXPEDITING OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE BY RTG/DTEC THE OFFICIAL RTG RECEIPT OF THE BOATS. PROCESSING TIME NORMALLY TWO WEEKS WHICH MAY BE REDUCED TO ONE WEEK.

3. RE MCPHERSON'S ARRIVAL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE

GIVEN POSSIBLE DELAY OF SHIP'S ARRIVAL AND FACT
BANGKOK PORT OFTEN CONGESTED RESULTING IN UP TO ONE
WEEK DELAY IN OFF-LOADING OF CARGO.

4. ADVISE FEASIBILITY OF SS STELLA LYKES OFF-
LOADING BOATS DIRECTLY INTO WATER AND THAI CUSTOMS
SAILING BOATS TO THEIR DOCKING AREA. RTG/DTEC
WOULD LIKE TO AVOID SUBSTANTIAL CRANE CHARGES.
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